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PATENT APPLICATION
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In re application of

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For: RECORDING MEDIUM PACKAGE, FEED CASSETTE AND RECORDING
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance (*see* pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowance dated May 21, 2004), the Examiner implies that the claims are allowable because they contain certain features specified by the Examiner. While the Examiner does indeed reference certain patentable features of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that these features should be considered exemplary and non-limiting. Indeed, each of the allowed claims is allowable, as a whole, based on the entirety of the features recited therein, as set out in the prosecution history. Additionally, any implication that dependent claims 2-4, 8-10, 12-14 and 20-27 are patentable solely based on their dependency is refuted, as these claims may also each contain patentable subject matter independent of their base claims.

Furthermore, because the Examiner's language does not exactly track the language of the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1-4, 8-14 and 18-28 is allowable based on its own language and recited features.

Respectfully submitted,

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